

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 24-27, and 29-30 are pending in the Application. Claims 22, 23, and 28 have been canceled. Claim 24 has been placed in an independent form. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants continue to traverse the rejections. Nevertheless, claims 22, 23, and 28 have been canceled at the invitation of the Office to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file another application relating to claims 22, 23, and 28 or any other claim.

Comments on the Substance of the Interview

An interview was conducted on May 14, 2003 with Examiner Jared J. Fureman and Applicants' representative (Daniel Wasil, Reg. No. 45,303). The Examiner proposed canceling claims 22, 23, and 28 and placing claim 24 in an independent form to place the application in condition for allowance. Herewith is the proposed amendment.

Claim Fees

Three independent claims remain pending. Thus, no fee is deemed required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee associated with this Response and any other fee due to Deposit Account 09-0428.

Conclusion

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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